



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:  
**Kazuo OKADA**  
Application No.: 10/697,261  
Filed: October 31, 2003  
For: GAMING MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0056  
Examiner: S. Pandya  
Art Unit: 3714  
Confirmation No.: 9217

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated May 16, 2008, the period for response being August 18, 2008 because August 16, 2008, is a Saturday, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)